

- Appl. No. Herewith  
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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1: (Original) A method of lessening pain, said method comprising:  
administering to a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of an inhibitor of the  
 $\epsilon$  isozyme of protein kinase C (PKC $\epsilon$ ).

Claims 2-20 (Cancelled).